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APPLICATION AND CONTINGENCY OF GRANTS

The legislative grants for the Public and Separate Schools of the Province are apportioned in accordance with the provisions of The Department of Education Act and the following regulations, and the grants so apportioned shall be applied to such school purposes as the boards may deem most expedient. If, however, in any year the amounts voted by the Legislature for the above services are insufficient to pay in full the grants as defined herein, the Minister may make a **pro rata** reduction, and if in any year the said amounts are more than sufficient to pay the said grants, the Minister may make a **pro rata** increase in such grants.

NOTE

1. In calculating the grants to be paid under sections 1, 2 and 4 of this circular to boards in counties (excluding those in cities and separated towns) the Inspector shall use the equalized assessment for the next preceding calendar year. In the case of boards in separated towns and cities in counties and all boards in districts, the Inspector shall use the local assessment for public or separate school purposes, as the case may be, for the next preceding calendar year.
2. The Inspector shall use the population according to the assessment roll made in the next preceding calendar year where required in calculating the grants to be paid under sections 1 and 2 of this circular.
3. All consolidated schools shall be regarded as rural public schools in the apportionment of grants defined in this circular.

GRANT FOR ALL PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS ON ATTENDANCE

1. A grant will be paid to each public and separate school board according to the relation which the average attendance of the next preceding calendar year bears to the equalized assessment. The grant to each board will be a certain sum per pupil of average attendance for the next preceding calendar year in accordance with the following table:—

Assessment per Pupil of Average Attendance for the Next Preceding Calendar Year	Grant Per Pupil	
	To Rural Schools and to Villages and Towns under 2,000 Population.	To Towns of 2,000 Population or Over, and Cities.
$5,000 and over	$1.75	$1.50
4,500 but less than $5,000	2.00	2.00
4,000 but less than 4,500	2.50	2.50
3,500 but less than 4,000	3.00	3.00
3,000 but less than 3,500	3.75	3.75
2,500 but less than 3,000	4.25	4.25
2,000 but less than 2,500	4.75	4.75
Less than $2,000	5.00	5.00

GRANT FOR ALL PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO THE EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT AND THE TOTAL SALARIES PAID TO TEACHERS

2. A grant will be paid to each public and separate school board according to the relation which the total amount of salaries paid by the board to the teachers for the next preceding calendar year bears to the equalized assessment. The grant to each board will be a percentage of the total salaries paid, as set forth below:—

Ratio of Teachers' Salaries to the Equalized Assessment.	GRANTS PAYABLE I To Rural Schools	II To Villages, and Towns under 2,000 population	III To Towns 2,000 or over and Cities up to but less than 50,000 population	IV To Cities of 50,000 population or over
Less than 3 mills	12%	5%	0%	0%
3 mills but less than 4 mills	13	6	2	0
4 mills but less than 5 mills	15	8	3	0
5 mills but less than 6 mills	17	10	4	0
6 mills but less than 7 mills	19	12	5	1
7 mills but less than 8 mills	21	14	6	2
8 mills but less than 9 mills	23	16	7	3
9 mills but less than 10 mills	25	18	8	4
10 mills but less than 11 mills	27	20	9	5
11 mills but less than 12 mills	29	22	10	6
12 mills but less than 13 mills	31	24	11	7
13 mills but less than 14 mills	32	25	12	8
14 mills but less than 15 mills	33	26	13	9
15 mills but less than 16 mills	34	27	14	10
16 mills but less than 17 mills	35	28	15	10½
17 mills but less than 18 mills	36	29	16	11
18 mills but less than 19 mills	37	30	17	11½
19 mills but less than 20 mills	38	31	18	12
20 mills but less than 21 mills	39	32	19	12½
21 mills but less than 22 mills	40	33	20	13
22 mills but less than 23 mills	41	34	21	13½
23 mills but less than 24 mills	42	35	22	14
24 mills but less than 25 mills	43	36	23	14½
25 mills but less than 26 mills	44	37	24	15
26 mills but less than 27 mills	45	38	25	16
27 mills but less than 28 mills	46	39	26	17
28 mills but less than 29 mills	47	40	27	18
29 mills but less than 30 mills	48	41	28	20
30 mills but less than 32 mills	49	42	30	22
32 mills but less than 34 mills	51	44	32	24
34 mills but less than 36 mills	53	46	34	26
36 mills but less than 38 mills	55	48	36	28
38 mills but less than 40 mills	57	50	38	30
40 mills but less than 43 mills	60	53	40	32
43 mills but less than 46 mills	63	56	42	34
46 mills but less than 48 mills	67	60	44	36
48 mills but less than 50 mills	72	65	47	38
50 mills or over	77	70	50	40

NOTE: In the case of a city which appoints and pays the salary or salaries of the public school Inspector or Inspectors, the total salaries of these Inspectors, less the legislative grant paid toward Inspectors' salaries (see Section 121 (3) of The Public Schools Act), may be added to the teachers' salaries under this section.

GRANT ON EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RURAL PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS ONLY

3. Each rural public and separate school board will be paid a grant of 25% in the Counties and 50% in the Districts on the cost of the new approved equipment or accommodations provided and paid for by the board during the next preceding calendar year. The maximum legislative grant to each board, under this heading, shall not exceed $100 per classroom in the counties and $200 per classroom in the districts in any year. In the counties the county council, in accordance with Section 111 (1) of The Public Schools Act, shall pay to each board at least the equivalent of this grant. The special equipment for Continuation Schools and Fifth Forms (Grades IX and X), on which a legislative grant is given, shall not be included.

The term "equipment" under this section shall be interpreted to include all school materials used directly for purposes of instruction; and the term "accommodations" shall include all repairs, renewals or additions to school buildings or school grounds, all school furniture, black-boards, lighting, heating, ventilating and sanitary installations and other approved changes in accommodations and equipment which are paid for from current revenue, but shall not include fuel, care-taking or care-taking supplies or payments on account of rental, interest, debentures and sinking fund.

GRANT TO URBAN OR RURAL SCHOOL BOARDS WITH LOW ASSESSMENT

4. A grant will be paid to each public and separate school board on the following basis:—

(a) **For Maintenance.**

Equalized assessment per classroom	**Grant Payable per classroom**
Less than $10,000	$140.00
At least $10,000 but less than $15,000	$120.00
At least $15,000 but less than $20,000	$100.00
At least $20,000 but less than $30,000	$80.00
At least $30,000 but less than $40,000	$40.00
At least $40,000 but less than $50,000	$20.00

(b) **On Capital Expenditure.**

The grant paid will be a percentage, as set forth below, of the approved capital expenditure made by the board during the next preceding calendar year for new buildings or for the remodelling or extension of old buildings, up to a maximum grant of $300 per classroom for any year.

Equalized assessment per classroom	**Grant**
Less than $10,000	60%
At least $10,000 but less than $20,000	50%
At least $20,000 but less than $30,000	40%
At least $30,000 but less than $40,000	30%
At least $40,000 but less than $50,000	20%

NOTE 1: No grant will be paid on account of the same expenditure under sections 3 and 4 above.

NOTE 2: Capital expenditure as used in this section includes the annual payment of debenture interest and principal or sinking fund instalment.

5. Each township board of trustees or township school area board will be paid an additional grant of $100.00 for each school section which has become a part of the larger area of school administration.

Where two or more separate school boards form a union board as provided for by Section 32 of The Separate Schools Act, this grant will be paid on behalf of each original board involved in the union.

This grant will also be paid to each individual board in the year when the larger area is formed.

Further Conditions

6. (a) In no case will the legislative grants to rural public schools, exclusive of the grants on capital expenditure and equipment and accommodations, be greater than the excess of the teachers' salaries over the township grant paid during the preceding calendar year.

This clause will not be applicable, however, to consolidated schools, township school areas, township school boards, and in townships where there are four, or fewer school sections.

(b) On the recommendation of the Inspector the Minister may withhold the legislative grants to any board where the school or schools are not being operated in full compliance with the requirements of the Acts and Regulations.

Assisted Schools

7. The legislative grants for assisted schools shall be apportioned in accordance with Section 5(d) of The Department of Education Act, which reads as follows:

> "5. It shall be the duty of the Minister and he shall have power,—
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> (*d*) subject to the regulations, to apportion to public and separate school boards in poor rural districts and to the residents of lumber, mining and other settlements, and to any town or village in a provisional judicial district when the circumstances of the case appear to the Minister to warrant the same, all sums of money appropriated for assisted schools."

Directions to Inspectors

8. On receipt of this circular, the Public and Separate School Inspectors shall procure from the school boards and county and township clerks the data necessary to fill in the official returns on which the apportionment of the grants will be made by the Department, the forms for which will be sent to each Inspector. All data as required above shall be certified by the official concerned. The Inspector shall see that these returns are properly made and shall retain them for at least one year as authority for the items contained in his official report. As the legislative grants for the current calendar year, apportioned on the basis of this circular, are payable by the Minister on or before the 1st of August, it will be necessary for the Inspector to act as promptly as possible in procuring the information he may need, in order that he may make his report to the Department not later than March 31st.